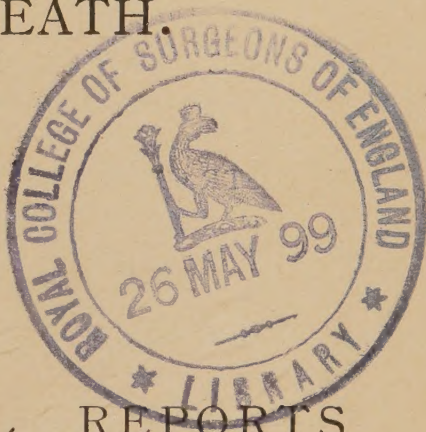


EAST SUSSEX
COUNTY LUNATIC ASYLUM

HAYWARDS HEATH.



FORTIETH ANNUAL REPORTS

FOR 1898.

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LIST OF THE VISITING COMMITTEE.

1898-9.

FOR EAST SUSSEX.

Mr. F. Barchard, Jun., Duddleswell, Maresfield, Uckfield.
 Mr. A. Burtenshaw, Hailsham.
 Mr. W. H. Campion (*Chairman*), 31 The Drive, Hove.
 Mr. E. Eager, 17 Wilbury Road, Hove.
 Mr. C. R. Kemp, Bedford Lodge, Lewes.
 Mr. H. R. Knipe, 9 Linden Park, Tunbridge Wells.
 Major J. J. Lister, Warninglid Grange, Haywards Heath.
 Mr. C. Longley, Wivelsfield, Haywards Heath.
 Major T. A. Maberly, Mytten, Cuckfield, Haywards Heath.
 Mr. H. F. H. Newington, The Gables, Ticehurst, Hawkhurst.
 Mr. J. S. Oxley, Fen Place, Turner's Hill, Crawley Down.
 Mr. A. Weekes, Mansion House, Hurstpierpoint, Hassocks.

FOR THE COUNTY BOROUGH OF BRIGHTON.

Mr. H. Abbey, Fairlee Villa, Abbey Road, Brighton.
 Sir J. G. Blaker, The Romans, Stanford Avenue, Brighton.
 Mr. J. Colbatch Clark, Ditchling Road, Brighton.
 Mr. A. J. Hawkes (*Mayor of Brighton*), 60 Old Steine, Brighton.
 Mr. S. M. Kidd, 93 Lewes Road, Brighton.
 Mr. E. Martin, 46 Compton Avenue, Brighton.
 Mr. E. J. Reeves, 85 Queen's Road, Brighton.
 Mr. W. Sendall, 131 Preston Road, Brighton.
 Mr. J. E. Stafford, 2 Crown Street, Brighton.

SUB-COMMITTEES.

FARM.	FINANCE.	STORES.
The Chairman.	The Chairman.	The Chairman.
Mr. F. Barchard, Jun.	Mr. H. Abbey.	Mr. A. Burtenshaw.
Sir John Blaker.	Mr. J. Colbatch Clark.	Mr. J. S. Oxley.
Mr. A. Burtenshaw.	Mr. E. Eager.	Mr. E. Martin.
Mr. A. J. Hawkes.	Mr. C. R. Kemp.	Mr. S. M. Kidd.
Major J. J. Lister.	Mr. H. R. Knipe.	Mr. E. J. Reeves.
Mr. C. Longley.	Major J. J. Lister.	Mr. W. Sendall.
Major T. A. Maberly.	Mr. H. F. H. Newington	Mr. J. E. Stafford.
Mr. J. S. Oxley.	Mr. A. Weekes.	
Mr. E. J. Reeves.	Mr. W. Sendall.	

DECEMBER, 1898.

LIST OF THE OFFICERS.

1898-9.

Medical Superintendent—C. E. Saunders, Esq., M.D.

Senior Assistant Medical Officer—E. B. C. Walker, Esq., M.D.

Junior Assistant Medical Officer—C. Planck, Esq., M.A. Camb.,
M.R.C.S. and L.R.C.P.

Chaplain—The Rev. E. R. D. Litle, M.A.

Clerk of the Asylum—Mr. S. A. Mortlock.

Storekeeper—Mr. T. Lenton.

Housekeeper—Mrs. Woodhouse.

Head Attendants—Mr. John Backhouse (Male Department).
Miss Buckle (Female Department).

Assistant Female Officer—Miss Mary Darbyshire.

Treasurer—Francis Barry Whitfeld, Esq., Lewes.

Clerk to the Visitors—Reginald Blaker, Esq., Lewes.

JANUARY, 1899.

EAST SUSSEX COUNTY ASYLUM.

FORTIETH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE VISITING COMMITTEE

(Pursuant to Sec. 190 of the Lunacy Act, 1890).

To the County Council of East Sussex.

THE VISITING COMMITTEE have the pleasure to submit their Report for the past year:—

The general health of the patients has been remarkably good, and no case of infectious disease or serious accident has occurred, but sickness amongst the staff has, incidental to intense and prolonged heat, been somewhat above the average.

No death has occurred necessitating the holding of a coroner's inquest.

In December last the Committee were successful in arranging a reception contract with West Sussex for the reception of 25 male and 10 female patients, but in March last, owing to the West Sussex Asylum rapidly filling, 10 males and 10 females were returned to Haywards Heath. There are now 14 males at Chichester under the contract.

In consequence of the Committee having arranged the contract with West Sussex, notice was given to determine the contract with Fisherton House, where the charge was 19s. 3d. per head per week, and on the 19th of January last the patients, 19 in number, were safely returned to Haywards Heath.

As a result of the extension of the County Borough of Hastings on the 9th November last, 25 patients chargeable to those portions of the Unions of Battle and Hastings, which were then absorbed into the County Borough, became chargeable to the Council of that Authority. These patients have since remained at Haywards Heath at a charge of 14s. a week each. The Visiting Committee have no reception Contract with Hastings, but reasonable notice requiring the removal of the patients can be given at any time if occasion requires.

The District Auditor on the 4th December last completed the audit of the accounts for the year ended 31st March, 1897, and on the 23rd July last that for the year ended 31st March, 1898, and in both reports refers favourably to the correctness of the books.

The principal work undertaken in connection with the Asylum buildings, in addition to the carrying out of ordinary repairs, has been the thorough redecoration and painting of the Sanatorium, which has been for some time past occupied by female patients.

The new Lunacy Bill, introduced into Parliament by the Lord Chancellor, has been considered by the Visiting Committee, and their views have already been reported to the Council, and action has also been taken by the Council. The Bill has since been withdrawn.

In consequence of the continued increase of patients, the Visiting Committee, subsequent to the amalgamation of Chailey and Lewes Unions, instituted inquiries as to the probability of being able to obtain accommodation in Chailey Workhouse, but the Guardians

were unable to entertain the proposal. It therefore became pressing that further accommodation should be provided, and as the Committee were unable to arrange further reception contracts, they, in August last, decided to proceed with the erection of temporary buildings sanctioned by the County Council in November, 1897. Tenders were invited, and that of Messrs. Hawkins and Co., of Ashford, Middlesex, was accepted, and the work is now in progress.

The Commissioners in Lunacy have visited the Asylum twice during the year, viz., in November last and in April last, and their reports were of a satisfactory nature.

The Workmen's Compensation Act, 1897, has received the consideration of the Visiting Committee, and, as a result, it has been decided to insure the artisans and laundry employees against liability under the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1897, the Employers' Liability Act, 1880, and at Common Law.

Deputations from Boards of Guardians within the contributing areas have visited the Asylum during the year, and in each instance a gratifying report has been made.

The Statutory inspections of the Asylum have been periodically made by members of the Committee, and the results recorded in the Visitors' Book.

The Committee have every reason to be satisfied with the management of the Institution by Dr. C. E. Saunders, and with the conduct of his Medical colleagues, and the officers generally. The conduct of the nurses and attendants has been good.

The number of patients on the books on the 30th September, 1898, was

Males	414
Females	540
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	954
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This number is divided as follows:—

From Unions and part of Steyning Union in East Sussex	511
From Brighton Union and part of Steyning Union in County Borough of Brighton	412
County patients chargeable to East Sussex (including Brighton) . . .	3
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	926
Criminal, private and out-County cases, including patients from County Borough of Hastings*. . .	28
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	954
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The total number of patients on 30th September, 1898, were resident as under :—

At Haywards Heath	900
At Exeter	40
At Chichester	14
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	954
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The number of patients on 30th September, 1897, from East Sussex and Brighton was stated in the last Annual Report to be 911, but during the year two criminal cases at Haywards Heath were adjudicated

* In November, 1897, 25 patients from parts of Battle and Hastings Unions were transferred to the County Borough of Hastings.

to East Sussex Unions, making a total of 913. From this, however, the 25 patients from the areas transferred from East Sussex to the County Borough of Hastings should be deducted, which reduced the number to 888, which latter number, compared with 926, the number from East Sussex and Brighton on 30th September, 1898, shows an increase of 38 during the year:—

The total admissions, exclusive of transfers, during the year ending 30th September, 1898, was . . .	230
Criminal cases adjudicated during the year to East Sussex Unions.	2
Cases from County Borough of Hastings on 9th November, 1897	25
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	257

Cases adjudicated or transferred from East Sussex to out-County Authorities, including the 25 patients from areas absorbed into the County Borough of Hastings	29
Criminal patients in Asylum on 30th September, 1898. . .	1
The number of discharges from Haywards Heath (excluding transfers to other Asylums)	85
Ditto from Fisherton. . . .	1
Ditto from Exeter	1
The number of deaths at Haywards Heath.	101
Ditto at Chichester	1
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	219
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Increase as above mentioned .	38
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The following is a table of the attendances of the Committee during the past year :—

Table of Attendances from 27th November, 1897, to 29th October, 1898, both inclusive.

EAST SUSSEX.		Number of times Summoned.	Attended.
Mr. F. Barchard, Jun. (appointed March, 1898)	. . . . .	8	5
Mr. A. Burtenshaw	. . . . .	12	5
Mr. W. H. Champion	. . . . .	12	10
Mr. E. Eager	. . . . .	12	7
Mr. C. R. Kemp	. . . . .	12	9
Mr. H. R. Knipe	. . . . .	12	9
Major J. J. Lister	. . . . .	12	10
Mr. C. Longley	. . . . .	12	10
Major T. A. Maberly	. . . . .	12	9
Mr. H. F. H. Newington	. . . . .	12	8
Mr. J. S. Oxley	. . . . .	12	10
Mr. A. Weekes	. . . . .	12	12
BRIGHTON.			
Mr. H. Abbey	. . . . .	12	1
Sir John Blaker	. . . . .	12	—
Mr. W. Botting	. . . . .	12	1
Mr. J. L. Brigden	. . . . .	12	1
Mr. J. Colbatch Clark	. . . . .	12	9
Mr. S. M. Kidd	. . . . .	12	12
Mr. E. Martin	. . . . .	12	7
Mr. E. J. Reeves	. . . . .	12	7
Mr. W. Sendall	. . . . .	12	4

The Sub-Committees for Farm, Finance and Stores have met each month and on other occasions as required.

On behalf of the Visiting Committee.

W. HENRY CAMPION,

HAYWARDS HEATH,

Chairman.

29th October, 1898.

EAST SUSSEX COUNTY LUNATIC ASYLUM, HAYWARDS HEATH.

RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE for the Year ending 31st March, 1899.

MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.						EXPENDITURE.					
	QUARTERS ENDING.				Total year ending March 31st.		QUARTERS ENDING.				Total year ending March 31st.
	1898, June 30th.	Sept. 30th.	Dec. 31st.	1899, March 31st.			1898, June 30th.	Sept. 30th.	Dec. 31st.	1899, March 31st.	
Goods Sold, viz. :—	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	Salaries and Wages :—	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Farm and Garden Sales.....	118 15 2	60 9 3	32 7 11	48 5 1	259 17 5	Officers	620 7 6	625 19 0	613 9 4	615 0 0	2474 15 10
Old Stores, &c.	7 18 0	11 15 2	11 15 7	10 3 9	41 10 6	Attendants and Others	965 19 5	960 6 10	977 17 10	971 3 10	3875 7 11
Sundries	62 16 6	52 13 2	59 17 6	61 1 2	236 8 4	Provisions (including Malt Liquor in ordinary diet)	1733 10 5	2107 1 11	1921 13 10	1811 8 5	7573 14 7
Sums received on Account of the Maintenance of Pauper Patients :—						Malt Liquor, Wine and Spirits (not included in ordinary diet)	47 3 6	45 7 6	32 15 6	35 1 0	180 7 6
From Guardians of Unions and Parishes within the Contribu- tory County and Borough	5550 8 10	5603 13 11	5835 2 7	5746 16 2	22736 1 6	Farm and Garden Expenses	393 2 10	315 3 2	452 1 5	419 16 2	1590 3 7
From Guardians of other Unions and Parishes	158 13 10	164 15 9	171 18 9	180 13 11	676 2 3	Clothing :—					
From the Treasurer of Contribu- tory County and Boroughs	19 3 6	19 1 2	19 7 8	18 19 2	76 11 6	For Patients	352 14 9	227 3 11	252 7 5	244 11 1	1076 17 2
From the Treasurers of Non-Con- tributory Boroughs and of Counties in respect of Non-Con- tributory Boroughs for ex- cess of weekly charge above ordinary rate (30 and 31 Vic., c. 106, s. 23)	60 2 2	62 4 3	58 9 1	56 6 1	237 1 7	For Attendants	76 18 3	16 12 0	38 13 6	134 13 1	266 16 10
Private Patients	41 12 0	42 1 0	42 1 0	41 0 9	166 14 9	Necessaries (including Fuel, Light- ing and Washing)	678 14 1	459 4 1	883 15 10	927 3 2	2948 17 2
Criminal Patients :—						Surgery and Dispensary	24 18 2	28 8 1	20 7 1	28 9 1	102 2 5
From Parliamentary Vote	3 8 0	5 14 0	9 4 0	3 6 0	21 12 0	Furniture and Bedding	144 5 3	71 9 4	183 19 9	104 18 0	509 12 4
Funeral and Removal Expenses :—						Funeral Expenses	28 5 2	8 17 9	7 14 4	7 17 9	52 15 0
From Guardians of Unions and Parishes	27 3 0	14 6 6	18 0 0	14 9 6	73 19 0	Payments to Treasurers of other Asylums for Patients under contract or arrangement	537 13 0	512 18 0	512 18 0	494 15 0	2058 4 0
Rebate from E.S.C. Council (L.A., 1890, sec. 269 [9])	134 8 3	128 4 6	128 4 6	123 13 9	514 11 0	Transfers to the Building and Repairs Fund Account, viz. :—					
						For Ordinary Repairs (53 Vic., c. 5, s. 271 [2]) .....	...	...	...	75 9 1	75 9 1
Total Receipts	6184 7 3	6164 18 8	6386 8 7	6304 15 4	25040 9 10	Excess of Weekly Charge on "Out County" Patients	70 6 7	77 0 1	74 1 8	76 5 1	297 13 5
Balance—31st March, 1898, viz. :—	...	...	...	...	5978 8 5	Other Payments :—					
Total of Receipts and Balances.....	...	...	...	...	31018 18 3	Stationery and Printing	82 7 0	40 13 8	68 8 7	73 17 0	265 6 3
						Periodicals and Amusements	31 18 1	40 17 7	32 19 7	41 0 4	146 15 7
						Freight and Carriage	40 13 4	13 3 0	18 7 8	17 17 9	90 1 9
						Poor Rates, &c.	403 8 0	...	359 14 8	9 15 4	772 18 0
						Patients on Trial	38 13 6	41 17 9	40 0 9	37 5 4	157 17 4
						Incidentals	15 1 0	33 5 4	34 6 9	22 6 9	104 19 10
						Total Expenditure	6285 19 10	5625 9 0	6530 13 6	6148 13 3	24590 15 7
						Balance in hand March 31st, 1899...	...	...	...	...	6428 2 8
						Total of Expenditure and Balance	...	...	...	...	31018 18 3

BUILDING AND REPAIRS FUND ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.						EXPENDITURE.					
	QUARTERS ENDING.				Total year ending March 31st.		QUARTERS ENDING.				Total year ending March 31st.
	1898, June 30th.	Sept. 30th.	Dec. 31st.	1899, March 31st.			1898, June 30th.	Sept. 30th.	Dec. 31st.	1899, March 31st.	
Ordinary Repairs.....	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	Ordinary Repairs	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Additions, Alterations, and Im- provements (under £400)	271 15 0	524 5 7	327 18 8	301 12 1	1425 11 4	Additions, Alterations, and Im- provements (under £400)	275 19 6	528 10 1	332 9 8	381 5 8	1518 4 11
New Buildings and Extraordinary Outlay .....	...	16 14 5	...	...	16 14 5	New Buildings and Extraordinary Outlay .....	...	16 14 5	...	...	16 14 5
Rates, Taxes, and Insurance .....	...	...	1256 8 8	5000 0 0	6256 8 8	Rates, Taxes, and Insurance .....	...	...	1256 8 8	1867 13 6	3124 2 2
Other Receipts :—						...	...	7 6 0	...	84 14 5	92 0 5
Cottage Rents	4 4 6	4 4 6	4 11 0	4 4 6	17 4 6						
Banker's Interest.....	17 2 6	...	19 4 3	...	36 6 9						
Transfers from the Maintenance Account, viz. :—											
For Ordinary Repairs (53 Vic., c. 5, sec. 271 [2]) .....	...	...	...	75 9 1	75 9 1						
Excess of Weekly Charge on "Out County" Patients	70 6 7	77 0 1	74 1 8	76 5 1	297 13 5						
Balance—31st March, 1898	363 8 7	629 10 7	1682 4 3	5542 5 2	8217 8 7	Balance—31st March, 1899, on New Buildings A/c. ....	...	...	...	3132 6 6	...
	...	...	...	...	1807 6 6	Balance—31st March, 1899, on Build- ing and Repair Fund .....	...	...	...	2141 6 8	5273 13 2
TOTAL .....	...	...	...	...	10024 15 1	TOTAL .....	...	...	...	...	10024 15 1

Examined by the Finance Committee, April 29th, 1899.

(Signed) A. WEEKES,
CALEB R. KEMP,
JOHN J. LISTER,
JNO. COLBATCH CLARK,
H. R. KNIPE.

(Signed) S. A. MORTLOCK,
Clerk of the Asylum.

AVERAGE WEEKLY EXPENDITURE for the Year, for each Patient, from Weekly Rate.					
	QUARTERS ENDING.				Average for the Year ending 31st Mar., 1899.
	1898, June 30th.	Sept. 30th.	Dec. 31st.	1899, March 31st.	
Provisions	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
House and other Expenses	3 6½	3 9½	4 0	3 6½	3 8½
Clothing	2 4½	1 3½	2 4½	2 0½	2 0½
Salaries and Wages.....	0 7½	0 5½	0 6½	0 8½	0 6½
Medicine, Spirits, &c.....	2 9½	2 8½	2 8	2 8½	2 8½
Incidentals	0 1½	0 1½	0 1½	0 1½	0 1½
	0 0½	0 0½	0 0½	0 0½	0 0½
Total	9 5½	8 5½	9 9½	9 2	9 2½
Weekly Rate Chargeable to the Unions Contributing to the Asylum	9 6	9 3	9 6	9 6	9 5½
Ditto do. Not Contributing do.	14 0	14 0	14 0	14 0	14 0
Ditto do. For Private Patients	16 0	16 0	16 0	16 0	16 0



EAST SUSSEX COUNTY LUNATIC ASYLUM.

BALANCE STATEMENT for the Quarter ending March 31st, 1899.

ASSETS.		DEBITS.	
1899.	£ s. d.	1899.	£ s. d.
Mar. 31. Due from Unions Contributing.....	5746 16 2	Mar. 31. To Amount due to Building and Repair Fund	76 5 1
" " Ditto not ditto	180 13 11	" To Amounts due to Sundry Tradesmen, on Account of Maintenance, Repairs, &c., &c.	3017 19 3
" Treasurer of ditto Borough	56 6 1	" Exeter Asylum A/c.	353 0 0
" County Treasurer	18 19 2	" West Sussex Asylum A/c.	141 15 0
" Private Patients' Account ..	41 0 9	" Amounts on Cheques not paid in	332 19 6
" Ditto Criminal ditto	3 6 0	" Cheques on Salaries not paid in	312 10 0
" Due for Sale of Farm Produce, Stores, &c.	119 10 0		
" Repairs, Alterations, &c.	386 6 6		
" New Building Account	1867 13 6		
" Cottage Rent	4 4 6		
" Cash in Banker's hands	1868 1 4		
" Clerk's ditto	231 10 4		
" Due for Funeral Charges	14 9 6		
" Rebate from East Sussex County Council	123 13 9		
	<u>£10,662 11 6</u>	Surplus Balance	6428 2 8
			<u>£10,662 11 6</u>

Submitted to the Finance Committee this 29th day of April, 1899.

(Signed)

A. WEEKES,
H. R. KNIPE,
CALEB R. KEMP,
JOHN J. LISTER,
JNO. COLBATCH CLARK.

(Signed)

S. A. MORTLOCK,
Clerk of the Asylum.

EAST SUSSEX LUNATIC ASYLUM.

Dr. Farm and Garden Accounts for the Year ending 31st March, 1899. Cr.

1898.—March 31st.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Estimated Value of Live Stock	1037	11	0			
Estimated Value of Dead Stock	404	2	6			
Estimated Value of Tenant's Valuation	616	6	6			
Estimated Value of Provender	355	15	0			
				2413	15	0

1899.—March 31st.						
To Purchase of—						
Labour—						
Wages of Bailiff, Gardener, Cowman, Carters, and other Servants employed on Farm and Garden				542	11	0

Stock, Live and Dead—						
7 Cows	162	12	0			
50 Sheep	85	15	0			
1 Boar	5	15	6			
10 Pigs (Sows)	25	5	6			
Implements	31	10	11			
				310	18	11

Provender—						
Oil Cake	188	0	0			
Bran and Sharps	93	18	2			
Barley and Maize	85	19	9			
Straw, &c.	48	16	7			
Grains	26	2	0			
				442	16	6

Seeds and Manures—						
Seeds, Manures & Lime				203	7	8

Other Payments—						
Thrashing & Thatching	32	18	5			
Railway Carriage	2	1	11			
Medicine and Shoeing	28	0	0			
Valuation	7	7	0			
Sundries	10	2	2			
				80	9	6

Rates and Taxes	39	5	3			
Estimated Rent on Land	200	0	0			
				239	5	3

Balance in favour 402 13 9

£4,635 17 7

1899.—March 31st.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Sale of—						
11 Calves	16	2	6			
48 Sheep	106	7	0			
2 Pigs	1	16	0			
Hides and Skins	7	13	9			
132lbs. Wool @ 7d.	3	17	0			
Wheat	103	12	6			
Hay	14	13	2			
Sundries	5	15	6			
				259	17	5

By Produce supplied to House—						
9,100 lbs. Beef @ 4½d., 4½d. and 5d.	180	2	2			
452 lbs. Suet @ 4d. and 5d.	8	6	3			
17,152lbs. Pork @ 5½d. and 5½d.	405	17	5			
160 lbs. Mutton @ 4½d. and 5d.	3	4	11			
1 Sucking Pig	11	0				
Bells, Livers, &c.	3	11	9			
				601	13	6

19,005½ gals. Milk @ 9d.	712	14	1			
5,404 No. Eggs „ 1d.	22	10	4			
106 „ Poultry „ 2/6	13	5	0			
366 „ Rabbits „ 10d.	15	5	0			
				763	14	5

1,491 bus. Cabbage @ 1/- ..	74	11	0			
249 „ Onions „ 2/- ..	24	18	0			
1,261 „ Potatoes „ 2/6 ..	157	12	6			
69 „ Peas „ 2/- ..	6	18	0			
333 „ Beans „ 2/- ..	33	6	0			
209 „ Carrots „ 2/- ..	20	18	0			
636 „ Parsnips „ 2/- ..	63	12	0			
55 „ Turnips „ 10d.	2	2	6			
6,063 No. Cauliflowers @ 1½d.	37	17	10			
Other Vegetables	34	12	0			
Fruit and Rhubarb	36	7	0			
Vegetables and Fruit supplied to Medical Superintendent	23	11	6			
				516	6	4

Keep of House Horse ... 23 8 0

By Estimated Value of Live Stock	968	6	0			
Estimated Value of Dead Stock	384	6	0			
Estimated Value of Tenant's Valuation	674	12	3			
Estimated Value of Provender	443	13	8			
				2470	17	11

£4,635 17 7

ESTIMATED VALUE OF FARM STOCK:—

1898.—March 31st.	£	s.	d.
41 Cows, Bull, Fattening Beasts, and Calves	647	0	0
6 Horses	183	0	0
94 Head of Swine	193	6	0
75 Poultry	11	5	0
2 Sheep	3	0	0
	1037	11	0

Dead Stock, Implements, &c.	404	2	6
Tenant's Valuation	616	6	6
Provender	355	15	0
	£2,413	15	0*

1899.—March 31st.	£	s.	d.
39 Cows, Bull, Fattening Beasts, and Calves	600	0	0
6 Horses	174	0	0
78 Head of Swine	182	0	0
82 Poultry	12	6	0
	968	6	0

Dead Stock, Implements, &c.	384	6	0
Tenant's Valuation	674	12	3
Provender	443	13	8
	£2,470	17	11*

Examined by the Farm Committee, April 29th, 1899.

(Signed)

A. WEEKES,
JOHN J. LISTER,
T. ASTLEY MABERLY.

(Signed)

S. A. MORTLOCK,
Clerk of the Asylum.

* These Valuations were made by Mr. THOS. BANNISTER, Haywards Heath.

THE ESTABLISHMENT.

OFFICERS.

Medical Superintendent	£850	} Furnished House, Coals, Vegetables, and Laundry.
Chaplain	250	
Clerk to Visitors	210	
Clerk of Asylum	300	} None.
Senior Assistant Medical Officer ...	250	
Junior Assistant Medical Officer ...	125	} Lodging, Board, Washing, and Atten- dance.
Housekeeper	60	
Head Attendant (Female)	110	
Female Assistant Officer	45	} House, Coals, and Gas.
Storekeeper	150	
Head Attendant (Male)	110	
Total	11	

ATTENDANTS AND SERVANTS.

MALES.

*1 Organist & Schoolmaster, P Ann.	£80
*1 Office Clerk	104
1 Hall Porter	49
*1 Night Attendant	66
*1 " "	64
*2 " "	62
*1 " "	56
*2 " "	52
1 Day Attendant	49
5 " "	40
1 " " (Dining Hall)	40
1 " "	39
1 " "	38
2 " " (Farm)	36
1 " " (House)	36
2 " "	34
1 " " (Bath Room)	33
2 " "	32
3 " "	30
3 " "	29
6 " "	28
4 " "	27
5 " "	26

FEMALES.

1 Nurse (Infirmary)	P Ann. £26
1 Cook	36
1 Night Nurse	30
1 Day "	28
2 " "	27
2 " "	25
1 " "	23
1 Night "	23
2 Day "	22
2 " "	20
1 Night "	20
2 " "	19
4 Day "	19
4 " "	18
2 Night "	18
8 Day "	17
7 " "	16
1 Night "	16
1 Seamstress	25
1 Dining Hall Maid	24
1 Laundry Maid (Head)	26
1 " "	21
3 " "	18
1 Dairy Maid	20
1 Kitchen Maid	18
3 House Maids	16
1 Vegetable Room Maid	14

48

56

The Male Attendants are allowed one day's leave in 13. Married Attendants are allowed £3 per annum in lieu of washing, £6 10s. per annum for lodging money, and 1s. per day in lieu of rations during absence from sickness.

The Female Attendants are allowed one day's leave in about 21, and every fourth Sunday from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

All Attendants and Servants have uniform, and ten days' leave granted during the year, and board wages at 1s. 6d. per day paid during this leave; those that have board can have £3 10s. per annum in lieu of beer, at option.

* Are neither boarded nor lodged.

ARTISANS, &c.

1 Shoemaker ... P Week	£1 . 6 0	1 Bricklayer's Labourer, P Wk.	1 0 0
1 Matmaker	1 6 0	1 Garden Labourer	0 18 0
1 Basket-maker	1 7 0	1 Painter and Glazier	1 11 0
1 Tailor	1 6 0	1 Painter	1 7 0
1 Cabinet-maker	1 12 0	2 Stokers (& Weekly Overtime)	1 1 0
1 Baker	1 6 0	1 Cowman	1 0 0
1 "	1 4 0	1 Under Cowman	0 19 0
1 Butcher	1 5 0	1 Carter	1 1 0
1 Florist	1 1 0	1 Carter	0 19 0
1 Carpenter	1 11 0	1 Farm Labourer (Sewage) ...	0 17 0
1 "	1 10 0	1 Stockman	0 17 0
1 Bricklayer	1 11 0	1 House Carter	1 2 0
1 "	1 10 0	1 Store Porter	1 6 0
<i>House, Coals, Vegetables, &c.</i>			
1 Engineer (House, Coals and Gas)	P Week	1 Gardener	P Week 1 2 6
1 Bailiff	2 0 0	1 Blacksmith (House & Gas)	1 5 0
	1 7 0	1 Front Ground Labourer ...	1 0 0
Total	32		

Made up on March 31st, 1899.

Officers	11
Attendants and Servants	104
Artisans, &c.	32

Total of Staff 147

S. A. MORTLOCK, Clerk of the Asylum.

Contract Prices of the Principal Articles of Consumption for the Year 1898.

ARTICLES.	QUARTERS ENDING								
	March.			June.			September.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Beef	0	3	10	0	3	0	0	3	8
Mutton	0	3	10	0	3	4	0	3	8
Flour—Households.....	1	10	0	1	7	9	1	10	6
" American (Pillsbury's Im- proved Straights).....	1	8	6	1	7	6	1	8	6
Meal	1	8	9	1	7	0	1	6	0
Ale—X	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	0
XX	1	10	0	1	10	0	1	10	0
" Cheese—Gouda	2	5	0	2	5	0	2	2	0
Margarine	2	8	6	2	11	0	2	11	0
Bacon	3	8	0	3	6	0	3	6	0
Sugar—Raw	0	11	9	0	13	3	0	13	3
" Refined	0	14	6	0	15	6	0	15	6
Navy Cocoa	3	10	0	3	10	0	3	15	0
Treacle	0	6	9	0	6	9	0	6	9
Raisins	1	13	0	1	11	0	1	11	0
Currants	1	2	6	1	7	6	1	7	6
Split Peas	0	5	6	0	5	6	0	5	6
Soap—Yellow	0	16	3	0	17	0	0	17	0
" Soft	0	10	9	0	10	6	0	10	6
Coals—Steam	1	0	9	1	0	9	1	0	9
" House	0	19	2	0	19	2	1	1	8
Coke	0	16	5	0	16	5	0	18	4

S. A. MORTLOCK, Clerk of the Asylum.

An Abstract of the Annual Returns of Pauper Lunatics chargeable on the 1st January, 1899, to the several Unions or Parishes or to such part thereof respectively as is situate (i.e., having their place of settlement) within the Administrative County or County Boroughs of East Sussex (within the meaning of or as modified by Lunacy Act, 1890, s.s. 240-246, and Lunacy Act, 1891, s. 13).

CHARGEABLE TO UNIONS, PARISH, AND COUNTY.	In County Asylum.		In Private Asylum.		In Asylums in other Counties		In Work- houses.		In Lodg- ings or Boarded out.		Residing with Re- latives or Friends.		TOTAL.		
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	Tl.
Battle	17	23	...	...	1	1	2	2	...	...	...	...	20	26	46
Brighton (within Boro')	157	216	...	1	13	11	38	34	...	...	18	17	226	279	505
Cuckfield	23	32	...	...	3	2	4	7	...	...	2	1	32	42	74
Eastbourne	31	34	...	...	4	1	3	5	...	...	1	3	39	43	82
East Grinstead	17	27	...	...	1	1	3	4	...	...	1	4	22	36	58
Hailsham	13	22	...	...	1	1	3	1	...	...	1	8	18	32	50
Hastings—County Part	2	3	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	2	4	6
„ —Boro' „	3	16	34	63	...	...	2	4	...	...	1	..	40	83	123
Lewes	26	26	...	...	...	3	4	8	...	...	1	1	31	38	69
Newhaven	10	9	...	...	1	1	1	4	...	...	...	...	12	14	26
Rye	7	10	...	...	1	2	7	3	...	...	2	3	17	18	35
Steyning	35	49	...	...	2	2	...	1	...	...	2	...	39	52	91
„ (Brighton Boro' Part)	11	14	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	1	..	14	14	28
Ticehurst	19	17	1	...	...	2	3	2	...	...	...	1	23	22	45
Uckfield	10	20	...	...	2	...	4	8	...	...	4	4	20	32	52
County, East Sussex... ..	2	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	3
TOTALS.....	383	518	35	64	31	27	75	84	..	..	34	42	558	735	1293

SUMMARY.

Year.	In Asylums.		In Workhouses		With Friends.		TOTALS.		
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	Total.
1st January, 1894*	358	503	124	138	43	49	525	690	1215
„ 1895*	392	536	129	135	46	49	567	720	1287
„ 1896	403	512	126	132	37	49	566	693	1259
„ 1897	411	566	126	138	32	52	569	756	1325
„ 1898	422	581	82	82	33	45	537	708	1245†
„ 1899	449	609	75	84	34	42	558	735	1293

* Cuckfield, East Grinstead, Steyning and Ticehurst being Unions having an area outside East Sussex, some of their Lunatics (not East Sussex Patients) are included in these years.

† Some re-classification of the infirm in mind has been made in the Brighton Workhouse, and these figures show a decrease of 94 persons now certified as compared with last year's return.

S. A. MORTLOCK,
Clerk of the Asylum.

LOAN ACCOUNT.—EAST SUSSEX.

Showing the Amount of Money Borrowed, and the Payments made in respect of the same, on the 31st March, 1899.

When Borrowed.	Rate of Interest.	Amount of Loans.	Amount Paid off during the year ended 31st March, 1899.	Total Amount paid off.	Remaining due.
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1856, October 13th.	£4½ per cent.	500 0 0	.....	500 0 0	.....
" " "	£4½ per cent.	500 0 0	.....	500 0 0	.....
" " "	"	500 0 0	.....	500 0 0	.....
1857, April 6th.	"	11000 0 0	.....	11000 0 0	.....
" " " "	"	5500 0 0	.....	5500 0 0	.....
1858, January 4th.	"	5500 0 0	.....	5500 0 0	.....
" " " "	"	5500 0 0	.....	5500 0 0	.....
" " " "	"	5000 0 0	.....	5000 0 0	.....
1859, April 4th.	"	8000 0 0	.....	8000 0 0	.....
" " " "	"	1550 0 0	.....	1550 0 0	.....
" " " "	"	6700 0 0	.....	6700 0 0	.....
" " " "	"	3350 0 0	.....	3350 0 0	.....
1860, January 2nd.	"	2680 0 0	.....	2680 0 0	.....
1861, April 8th.	"	1340 0 0	.....	1340 0 0	.....
1863, October 19th.	"	3350 0 0	.....	3350 0 0	.....
1864, January 4th.	"	2345 0 0	.....	2345 0 0	.....
1866, October 15th.	"	4355 0 0	.....	4355 0 0	.....
1881, October 17th.	£5 per cent.	536 0 0	17 17 4	303 14 8	232 5 4
1893, December 29th.	£4 per cent.	*10358 14 0	229 7 6	1071 5 6	9287 8 6
1894, September 19th.	£3½ per cent.	†1349 0 0	29 7 3	124 9 4	1224 10 8
1895, May 20th.	£3¼ per cent.	*474 8 3	10 6 8	34 15 2	439 13 1
" " " "	"	†371 0 0	8 1 8	27 3 8	343 16 4
1898, March 25th.	£3 per cent.	†6000 0 0	200 0 0	200 0 0	5800 0 0
		£86759 2 3	£495 0 5	£69431 8 4	£17327 13 11

* To partially pay out West Sussex under the Award of 12th April, 1892.

† Brighton proportions of these Loans raised independently.

‡ Payment to Brighton under the Award of 19th June, 1897.

JOHN LAW, County Accountant.

THE
MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT'S
FORTIETH ANNUAL REPORT.

THE MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT has the honour to Fortieth Annual Report.
submit the Fortieth Annual Report to the Committee
of Visitors.

On the 30th September, 1897, the numbers in the Numbers on the 30th September, 1897.
Asylum were—Male, 352; Female, 512; Total, 864.

The Admissions during the year ending 30th Sep- Admissions.
tember, 1898, have been—Male, 134; Female, 136;
Total, 270.

The Discharges during the year have been—Male, Discharges.
65; Female, 68; Total, 133.

The Deaths during the same period have been— Deaths.
Male, 41; Female, 60; Total, 101.

The Average Daily Number Resident during the Mean Annual Population.
year has been—Male, 357; Female, 508; Total, 865.

Numbers this
day, September
30th, 1898.

The Numbers in the Asylum this day (30th September, 1898) are—Male, 380; Female, 520; Total, 900.

The Admissions, excluding re-transfers of Sussex patients from other Asylums in which they had been boarded-out, under reception contracts, show a total number of 13 less than in the previous year; the reduction was confined to females, there being one more male admission.

The following tabular statements shew in some detail the salient features of the year's admissions.*

TABLE I.—SHEWING THE EXPECTANCY OF RECOVERY ON ADMISSION.

Sex.	Number.	Good.	Fair.	Bad or Hopeless.	Not Insane	Actively Suicidal.
Males ...	105	29	26	50	...	36
Females	125	34	34	57	...	35

TABLE II.—SHEWING THE AGES ON ADMISSION.

	5—15.	15—35.	35—55.	55—75.	75 and upwards	Un-known
Males	1	25	53	23	3	...
Females ...	2	47	48	25	3	...

* Tables I., II., III., IV., do not include transfers of patients who have previously been under treatment in this Asylum and were transferred or re-transferred to or from other Asylums.

TABLE III.—SHEWING THE FORM OF MENTAL DISORDER OF YEAR'S ADMISSIONS.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Insanity with Epilepsy	9	9	18
Idiocy without Epilepsy .....	...	...	...
„ with Epilepsy	1	1	2
Imbecility without Epilepsy..	3	5	8
„ with Epilepsy .....	...	3	3
General Paralysis.....	14	5	19
Dementia	9	15	24
Mania	45	53	98
Melancholia	24	34	58
Not Insane.....	...	...	...
TOTAL	105	125	230

TABLE IV.—SHEWING THE FURTHER HISTORY OF THE YEAR'S ADMISSIONS.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Discharged Recovered.....	11	15	26
„ Relieved .... ..	...	...	...
„ to care of friends	11	5	16
Transferred to other Asylums	3	1	4
Died	11	18	29
Remain in Asylum	69	86	155
Not Insane.....	...	...	...
Total	105	125	230

The discharges were 133, of whom 65 were males and 68 females. After a correction has been made for 48 transferred to other Asylums, there remain 85 to be accounted for, and these were equal to 31·4 per cent. of the Admissions.

Of the 65 males who were discharged, 16 had recovered, 18 were discharged to the care of friends, 31 were transferred to other Asylums either under contract or on adjudication orders.

Of the 68 females, 35 had recovered, 16 were discharged relieved to the care of friends, and 17 were transferred to other Asylums.

One hundred and one deaths occurred, viz.: 41 males and 60 females. Of the total deaths, nine were due to phthisis, 13 to bronchitis or pneumonia, 7 to heart disease, 13 to progressive paralysis, 12 to old age and the remaining 47 to various forms of brain disease and other constitutional disorders.

The following Table shews the ages at death, in certain age groups.

TABLE V.—AGES AT DEATH.

	0-5	5-15	15-35	35-55	55-75	75 and upwds	Total deaths from all causes and at all ages.
Males	8	17	7	9	41
Females	12	18	18	12	60
Total	20	35	25	21	101

The mean age at death was 53.1, viz.: 52.3 for males and 53.6 for females.

The total number of patients under treatment was 1,134, and the death rate on this number is 8.9 per cent. Based on the average daily number resident the death rate is 11.6 per cent.—11.4 for males and 11.8 for females.

Every death was, according to Statute, reported to the Coroner, but in only one was an inquest held, and death in this case was found to be due to natural causes.

One birth occurred—the patient being pregnant when admitted.

Accidents have been unimportant in number and degree, and have been duly reported to the Committee at the next monthly meeting, as they occurred.

There have been two escapes, but in each case the patient has been brought back.

The numbers still keeping high, a contract was made with the West Sussex Asylum Committee for the reception of 10 female and 25 males; and this number was sent to Chichester in December—the cases having been previously visited here and approved of by the Medical Superintendent of the West Sussex Asylum.

As a counterbalance to this accommodation, 19 male patients were brought back in the same month from Fisherton House Asylum, Salisbury.

A further draft of 10 males and 10 females was re-transferred from Chichester in April.

It became obvious that the extent to which relief could be obtained, to the want of accommodation, could not be adequately met by means of boarding-out; and plans were prepared for the construction of temporary buildings to accommodate fifty patients of each sex—these were held in readiness for adoption when the need for the accommodation should again become urgent.

In contemplation of clearing the site which these buildings would occupy, and to replace some dilapidated sheds which were thereon, a most admirable new vegetable store has been converted from the lime shed, and another shed built for the storing of lime and other building material.

With these exceptions there have been no structural alterations.

The Sanatorium, now permanently occupied by patients, has been thoroughly re-decorated, and other work of a similar character has been done in various parts of the Asylum requiring it.

Another piano has been purchased, and the amusements of the patients are well provided for, by fortnightly visits to Brighton during the summer months; by a trip to the Crystal Palace; by picnics either in the Park at home or elsewhere; by weekly drives—necessarily restricted to a few of the more delicate and infirm patients. In the winter, evening entertainments are provided periodically and a weekly dance is a favourite recreation.

The Commemoration Fête was held on 11th August, and appeared to give the usual amount of satisfaction and enjoyment to the patients and their friends, who attended in great numbers.

Committees of Guardians from most of the Unions have paid visits to the patients chargeable to them, and in the reports which they have given of their visits they have expressed themselves, without exception, as being well satisfied with the condition in which they found their patients, and with the general arrangements of the Institution.

These visits are extremely useful, for although they may be a little disturbing to some patients—and this largely depends upon the tact and discretion of the visitor—they satisfy the friends and the public, and serve a useful purpose by bringing patients and the persons responsible for their maintenance in touch with one another.

Your Superintendent is ably seconded by his colleagues and the staff generally; and he cannot too gratefully acknowledge his indebtedness to all who assist in making the affairs of the Asylum run as smoothly as possible; for the troubles, dangers and difficulties incidental, to, and inevitable in, Asylum life, are made bearable by the co-operation and mutual support of the workers.

C. E. SAUNDERS, M.D.,

Medical Superintendent.

30th SEPTEMBER, 1898.

THE CHAPLAIN'S FORTIETH ANNUAL REPORT.

THE usual Services have been held daily in the Dining Halls, the average attendance being 280 men and 365 women. Most of the patients listen to the Lesson and many join in the Prayers. There have also been short Services in No. 5 Ward (Female) and No. 6 (Male and Female).

The Chapel has been always filled for the Sunday Services except on the very rare occasions when the patients from the Sanatorium could not attend on account of heavy rain. The average attendance has been 110 males and 130 females. The position of the Chapel away from the main building and the presence of a few visitors make the attendances at the Services more like "going to Church."

There have been Celebrations of the Holy Communion on the usual Sundays and Festivals, with a slight increase in the number of female patients who have attended.

The Choir has been distinctly above the average. Nurses and attendants have taken an interest in the practices, and the voices have been more even in quality and better together than in past years.

There have been 101 deaths in the Asylum during the year and 59 funerals in the Cemetery, an increase of 13 on last year.

The Schools have been held as usual during the winter months. The patients write or read aloud or practice drawing.

The Wards, Workshops, and Infirmaries have been regularly visited, and the Head Attendants, who accompany the Chaplain in his rounds, have always been of great service to him by their special knowledge of the patients.

Over 650 volumes have been purchased for the Library, all of them being new. The books are standard works, and are appreciated by the patients, and by buying new books instead of second-hand ones, the risk of contagion is avoided. Three hundred and two books have been issued to the Male side and 304 to the Female Wards.

Very general regret was expressed at the death of the Rev. H. J. Rush, who for more than 20 years had been associated with the Asylum. He had been a regular attendant at the Chapel Services, had acted as "Locum Tenens" during the Chaplain's holidays, and had been always ready to help at any time. His kind and sympathetic nature won the esteem and affection of all who knew him.

E. R. D. LITTLE, M.A.

SEPTEMBER 30th, 1898.

APPENDIX,

CONTAINING

STATISTICAL AND OTHER TABLES,

&c., &c.

The Medical Superintendent desires to acknowledge the service rendered to him by the Clerk of the Asylum (Mr. S. A. Mortlock) in the compilation of these Tables.

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TABLE I.

Showing the Admissions, Re-Admissions, Discharges, and Deaths during the Year ending 31st December, 1898.

				M.	F.	T.
In the Asylum January 1st, 1898				351	494	845
Admissions—				M.	F.	T.
First Admissions.....				86	112	198
Re-Admissions.....				23	31	54
Total Number of Admissions during the Year				109	143	252
Total Number of Cases under Care during the Year.....				460	637	1097
Discharges—				M.	F.	T.
Recovered				19	37	56
Relieved				13	14	27
Not Improved				7	7	14
Died				37	56	93
Total Number of Discharges and Deaths during the Year				76	114	190
Remaining in the Asylum 31st Dec., 1898...				384	523	907
Average Daily Number Resident during the Year ...				365	513	878
*Persons under Care during the Year				460	636	1096
Persons Admitted				109	142	251
,, Recovered				19	37	56
Transferred to this Asylum...				13	18	31
,, from this Asylum				5	8	13

* Persons, *i.e.*, separate persons, in contradistinction to "Cases," which may include the same individual more than once,

TABLE IA.

Showing (1) the Previous Attacks among Persons Admitted during the Year 1898, and (2) the Number of Times they have Previously Recovered in this or any Asylum.

(1) NUMBER OF PREVIOUS ATTACKS.	PERSONS.		
	Male.	Female.	TOTAL.
Have had 1 Attack	16	17	33
„ 2 Attacks	2	9	11
„ 3 „	5	5	10
„ 5 „ .....	...	1	1
„ 6 „ .....	...	1	1
„ 7 „ .....	...	1	1

(2) NUMBER OF TIMES PATIENTS RECOVERED.	IN THIS ASYLUM.			IN ANY ASYLUM.		
	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.
Once	4	13	17	9	8	17
Twice.....	3	1	4	2	1	3
Three Times	2	2	4	...	...	...
Five „ .....	...	...	...	...	1	1
Six „ .....	...	1	1	...	...	...
Seven „ .....	...	1	1	...	...	...

TABLE II.

Showing the Admissions, Re-Admissions, Discharges and Deaths, from the Opening of the Asylum to the 31st December, 1898.

	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.
Persons Admitted during the Period of 39½ years.....	3584	3698	7282			
Re-Admissions	603	820	1423			
Total Cases Admitted				4187	4518	8705
Discharges—						
Recovered	1104	1360	2464			
Relieved	531	659	1190			
Not Improved	518	473	991			
Died	1650	1503	3153			
Total Discharges and Deaths since the Opening of the Asylum				3803	3995	7798
Remaining 31st Dec., 1898 ...				384	523	907

	Male.	Female.	TOTAL.
Average Daily Number Resi- dent during the 39½ Years	322	403	725
Transferred to this Asylum ...	575	511	1086
„ from this Asylum	584	529	1113

TABLE IIa.

Showing the Admissions and Recoveries of Persons from
25th July, 1859, to the present date, 31st December,
1898 ($39\frac{1}{2}$ years).*

HISTORY OF RECOVERIES OF PERSONS.			
	Male.	Female.	TOTAL.
Persons Admitted during the $39\frac{1}{2}$ years	3584	3698	7282
Persons Discharged Recovered	886	1067	1953 †
Of whom were Re-Admitted, Relapsed ‡	280	446	726
Recovered Persons who have not Relapsed	606	621	1227
Relapsed Persons subsequently Discharged Recovered §	142	217	359
Leaving a Nett || Total of Re- covered Persons	748	838	1586 ¶

* Persons, *i.e.*, separate persons in contradistinction to "Cases," which may include the same individual more than once.

† 26.8 per cent. of Persons admitted.

‡ *i.e.*, Persons who have Relapsed one or more times.

§ *i.e.*, After last Re-Admission, if Relapsed more than once.

|| *i.e.*, Recovered Persons sane at the present time, so far as the Asylum Statistics show.

¶ 21.7 per cent. of Persons admitted.

YEAR.	Admitted.			Discharged.			Died.			Remaining 31st Dec. in each year.			Average Daily No. Resident.			Per centage of Recoveries on Admissions.			Per centage of Deaths on Average Daily Nos. Resident		
	Recovered.			Relieved.			Not Improved.														
	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	Both Sexes	M.	F.	Both Sexes
1859...	143	164	307	2	4	6	1	1	2	135	150	285	108	124	232	1.4	2.4	1.9	3.7	4.8	4.3
1860...	80	104	184	12	18	30	4	1	5	172	227	399	133	161	294	15.0	17.3	16.3	18.8	5.5	11.5
1861...	103	66	169	7	22	29	10	18	28	228	231	459	192	227	419	6.8	33.3	17.1	13.5	8.3	10.7
1862...	60	69	129	14	16	30	3	3	10	242	258	500	232	249	481	23.3	23.1	23.2	9.9	7.2	8.5
1863...	59	22	81	13	19	32	7	1	34	220	243	463	235	256	491	22.0	86.3	39.5	11.9	5.8	8.7
1864...	64	70	134	14	10	24	5	2	8	225	276	501	223	250	473	21.8	14.2	17.9	16.1	8.4	12.0
1865...	67	57	124	16	17	33	6	1	5	233	277	510	227	281	508	23.8	29.8	26.6	15.8	10.3	12.7
1866...	70	89	159	17	25	42	5	1	1	240	303	543	239	296	535	24.2	28.2	26.4	16.7	10.1	13.0
1867...	69	93	162	15	27	42	6	13	5	252	315	567	244	312	556	21.7	29.0	25.9	14.3	11.8	12.9
1868...	119	73	192	14	34	48	5	5	2	322	325	647	290	326	616	11.7	46.6	25.0	9.6	7.3	8.4
1869...	60	68	128	21	25	46	6	4	5	318	332	650	320	333	653	35.0	36.7	36.0	10.9	8.7	9.8
1870...	83	83	166	29	32	61	5	2	...	339	352	691	332	344	676	34.9	38.5	36.7	8.4	8.5	8.4
1871...	52	64	116	28	35	63	48	1	49	261	341	602	304	345	649	53.8	54.7	54.3	12.5	9.0	10.6
1872...	138	130	268	23	44	67	2	1	3	332	383	715	295	369	664	16.6	33.8	25.0*	11.8	8.6	10.1
1873...	100	104	204	30	43	73	1	2	3	342	391	733	337	393	730	30.0	41.0	35.7	13.0	6.6	9.5
1874...	119	118	237	29	40	69	1	1	2	359	414	773	348	405	753	24.4	33.9	29.1	18.3	10.1	13.9
1875...	122	136	258	23	34	57	9	18	27	353	419	772	364	422	786	18.8	25.0	22.0*	16.7	13.9	15.2
1876...	131	117	248	43	47	90	11	6	17	371	423	794	365	424	789	32.8	40.1	36.2	11.7	9.4	10.5
1877...	105	117	222	26	34	60	21	7	28	358	427	785	360	426	786	24.7	29.0	27.0	12.7	11.7	12.2
1878...	112	121	233	38	31	69	11	10	21	354	436	790	362	430	792	33.9	25.6	29.6	12.9	13.2	13.1
1879...	104	111	215	32	36	68	4	2	6	359	437	796	360	440	800	30.7	32.4	31.6	13.3	11.3	12.2
1880...	115	114	229	46	32	78	6	9	15	349	453	802	361	448	809	40.0	28.0	34.0	14.6	7.1	10.5
1881...	102	120	222	45	34	79	3	...	3	357	489	846	360	472	832	44.0	28.3	35.5	9.7	7.2	8.2
1882...	115	107	222	43	70	113	2	6	8	366	473	839	360	475	835	38.7	67.9	52.8	14.1	5.6	9.3
1883...	103	137	240	42	53	95	30	2	2	356	478	834	360	478	838	40.7	38.6	39.5	11.3	8.1	9.5
1884...	115	114	229	42	49	91	...	4	12	355	477	832	361	483	844	38.1	45.7	41.9	14.4	7.0	10.1
1885...	96	114	210	43	29	72	8	4	5	357	496	853	359	480	839	27.1	32.0	29.6	9.1	8.1	8.5
1886...	100	110	210	40	47	87	4	1	5	351	473	824	357	480	837	42.1	45.6	43.9	12.6	6.0	8.8
1887...	124	104	228	46	44	90	7	31	38	364	469	833	361	474	835	37.7	43.5	40.3	13.0	10.5	11.6
1888...	127	116	243	36	31	67	5	4	9	378	498	876	364	485	849	29.7	27.9	28.8†	14.5	5.5	9.4
1889...	109	123	232	31	30	61	35	51	86†	340	480	820	361	483	844	30.0	26.0	27.9	14.9	9.1	11.6
1890...	121	168	289	39	38	77	7	36	43	363	481	844	356	485	841	32.5	23.3	27.2	9.2	14.4	12.2
1891...	131	175	306	41	41	82	42	48	90	339	453	792	363	481	844	34.7	26.2	29.9	14.3	13.3	13.7
1892...	117	166	283	16	34	50	7	2	9	367	490	857	347	466	813	15.0	21.3	18.8	14.6	15.4	15.1
1893...	134	164	298	22	44	66	77	54	131	335	493	828	360	508	868	19.1	34.1	27.0	12.7	7.4	9.6
1894...	159	184	343	28	33	61	13	72	85	395	493	888	381	482	863	25.4	25.3	25.4	12.0	10.9	11.4
1895...	123	110	233	27	35	62	41	22	63	380	467	847	378	482	860	23.2	33.0	27.9	13.7	11.4	12.4
1896...	98	139	237	32	44	76	4	1	5	373	502	875	375	490	865	34.0	32.5	33.1	13.0	7.5	9.9
1897...	129	134	263	20	42	62	73	32	105	351	494	845	365	515	880	19.8	34.4	27.8	13.4	10.0	11.4
1898...	109	143	252	19	37	56	7	7	14	384	523	907	365	513	878	19.7	29.6	25.3	10.1	10.9	10.5
TOTAL.	4187	4518	8705	1104	1360	2464	531	473	991	1650	1503	3153	322	403	725	26.3	30.1	28.3	12.9	9.3	10.9
	Aver. or per cent.																				

* The apparently low percentage of Recoveries in these years is due to the Admission of many Chronic Lunatics from St. Pancras, Maidstone, and Peterborough. † Transfers from other Asylums are deducted before these percentages are computed. ‡ Cases removed to Nottingham and Northampton Asylums.

§ The remainder of the West Sussex cases, 40 Males, 22 Females, were removed.

TABLE V.

Showing the Causes of Death during the Year 1898, together with the Ages at Death.

CAUSE OF DEATH.	Totals at all Ages.			Under 15 Years.			15 and under 20.			20 and under 25.			25 and under 30.			30 and under 35.			35 and under 40.			40 and under 45.			45 and under 50.			50 and under 55.			55 and under 60.			60 and under 65.			65 and under 70.			70 and under 75.			75 and under 80.			80 and under 85.			85 and under 100.			Age not known.																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																	
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Ascertained by *Post-Mortem* Examination:—Males, 14; Females, 17; Total, 31.

TABLE VI.

*Showing the Length of Residence in those who have Recovered
and in those who have Died during the Year 1898.*

LENGTH OF RESIDENCE.	RECOVERED.			DIED.		
	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.
Under 1 month.....	...	1	1	5	5	10
1 month and under 3 months	8	3	11	8	9	17
3 months „ 6 „	4	16	20	2	5	7
6 „ „ 9 „	5	3	8	3	7	10
9 „ „ 12 „	1	6	7	2	2	4
1 year „ 2 years	...	6	6	5	2	7
2 years „ 3 „	...	1	1	2	4	6
3 „ „ 5 „	...	...	...	1	9	10
5 „ „ 7 „	1	1	2	4	6	10
7 „ „ 10 „	...	...	...	...	...	...
10 „ „ 12 „	...	...	...	1	...	1
12 „ „ 15 „	...	...	...	1	3	4
15 „ „ 20 „	...	...	...	2	2	4
20 „ „ 25 „	...	...	...	...	.	...
25 „ „ 30 „	...	...	...	...	1	1
30 „ „ 35 „	...	...	...	1	...	1
35 „ „ 40 „	...	...	...	...	1	1
TOTAL.....	19	37	56	37	56	93

Showing the Duration of the Disorder on Admission, in the Admissions, Discharges, and Deaths during the Year 1898.

CLASSIFICATION.	ADMISSIONS.			DISCHARGES.						DEATHS.		
	Male.	Female.	TOTAL.	Recovered.			Relieved, or otherwise.			Male.	Female.	TOTAL.
				Male.	Female.	TOTAL.	Male.	Female.	TOTAL.			
<i>FIRST CLASS—</i> First Attack, and of less than Three Months' duration on Admission	42	72	114	14	18	32	6	8	14	17	26	43
<i>SECOND CLASS—</i> First Attack, above Three and less than Twelve Months' duration on Admission	17	16	33	1	3	4	1	4	5	4	8	12
<i>THIRD CLASS—</i> Not First Attack, and less than Twelve Months' duration on Admission	31	39	70	4	16	20	9	7	16	10	16	26
<i>FOURTH CLASS—</i> First Attack OR OTHERWISE; of more than Twelve Months' duration on Admission	14	7	21	..	..	..	2	1	3	4	5	9
<i>FIFTH CLASS—</i> Congenital	2	5	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1
Not Ascertained	3	4	7	..	..	..	..	1	3	1	1	2
TOTAL	109	143	252	19	37	56	20	21	41	37	56	93

TABLE VIII.

Showing, in Quinquennial Periods, the Ages of those Admitted, Recovered, and Died, during the Year 1898, and of those remaining on the 31st December, 1898.

AGE.	ADMISSIONS.			RECOVERIES.			DEATHS.			PATIENTS RESIDENT 31st Dec., 1898.		
	Male.	Female.	Total.	Male.	Female.	Total.	Male.	Female.	Total.	Male.	Female.	Total.
5 years and under 10 years	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2
10 "	1	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	1	8
15 "	3	8	11	..	..	..	..	..	..	12	13	25
20 "	8	12	20	2	2	4	3	4	7	23	18	41
25 "	7	12	19	1	6	7	1	4	5	33	37	70
30 "	9	14	23	1	7	8	1	3	4	34	49	83
35 "	14	18	32	2	9	11	6	4	10	45	55	100
40 "	16	16	32	2	4	6	..	5	5	51	62	113
45 "	17	14	31	4	4	8	5	5	10	50	61	111
50 "	11	14	25	6	4	10	4	6	10	35	57	92
55 "	8	10	18	1	1	2	2	5	7	39	52	91
60 "	7	11	18	1	1	2	2	8	10	21	41	62
65 "	1	4	5	..	1	1	1	3	4	15	38	53
70 "	5	4	9	..	1	1	4	1	5	7	16	23
75 "	2	2	4	..	..	..	6	6	12	6	13	19
80 "	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	2	..	3	3
85 "	..	1	1	..	..	..	1	1	2	1	1	2
90 "	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
95 "	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	4	9
Unknown.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total.....	109	143	252	19	37	56	37	56	93	384	523	907
Mean Age.....	43.5	42.0	42.6	43.2	40.0	41.1	54.6	51.6	52.8	43.1	46.7	45.2

TABLE IX.

*Showing the Condition as to Marriage in the Admissions, Recoveries, and Deaths during the Year 1898,
and of Patients resident on the 31st December, 1898.*

CONDITION IN REFERENCE TO MARRIAGE.	ADMISSIONS.			RECOVERIES.			DEATHS.			PATIENTS RESIDENT 31st Dec., 1898.		
	Male.	Female.	Total.	Male.	Female.	Total.	Male.	Female.	Total.	Male.	Female.	Total.
Single	46	65	111	7	20	27	10	21	31	229	274	503
Married	52	49	101	9	12	21	20	20	40	125	168	293
Widowed	10	28	38	3	5	8	7	15	22	22	72	94
Unknown	1	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	9	17
TOTAL	109	143	252	19	37	56	37	56	93	384	523	907

TABLE XI.

Showing the Form of Mental Disorder on Admission in the Admissions, Recoveries, and Deaths of the Year 1898, and the Form of Mental Disorder of the Inmates on 31st December, 1898.

FORM OF MENTAL DISORDER.	ADMISSIONS.			RECOVERIES.			DEATHS.			REMAINING IN ASYLUM.		
	Male.	Female.	TOTAL.	Male.	Female.	TOTAL.	Male.	Female.	TOTAL.	Form of Mental Disorder, 31st December, 1898.		
Congenital or Infantile Mental Deficiency (a) with Epilepsy (b) without Epilepsy	3	5	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	13	9	22
" " " " " "	3	2	5	...	...	...	1	2	3	43	38	81
Epilepsy—Acquired	4	4	8	...	...	...	3	2	5	48	47	95
General Paralysis of the Insane	11	4	15	...	...	...	9	5	14	25	12	37
Mania:—												
Acute	32	53	85	12	16	28	7	21	28	31	40	71
Chronic	10	10	20	...	...	...	1	1	2	81	155	236
Recurrent	11	13	24	3	6	9	2	1	3	24	25	49
e Potu	1	1	2	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Puerperal	...	1	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Senile	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Melancholia:—												
Acute	14	21	35	2	6	8	3	11	14	12	30	42
Chronic	1	1	2	...	...	...	...	1	1	26	41	67
Recurrent	4	7	11	1	4	5	...	...	...	5	12	17
Puerperal	...	4	4	...	3	3	...	...	...	...	1	1
Senile	1	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	4
Dementia:—												
Primary	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	1	5	6
Secondary	9	13	22	...	...	...	4	5	9	61	86	147
Senile	5	2	7	...	...	...	7	2	9	5	8	13
Not Insane	...	1	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
TOTALS	109	143	252	19	37	56	37	56	93	384	523	907

TABLE XIII.

Patients' Daily State and Employment.

(Compiled from the Daily State Book, which is made up from the Ward Returns).

OCCUPATION OR TRADE.		Daily No. of Patients Employed.
Male Patients.		
Working Party.	{ With the Gardener and Out-door Attendants	60
	{ With the Farm Attendants	15
	{ With the Cowman	2
With the	Carpenter	3
"	Bricklayer	2
"	Upholsterer	2
"	Basket-maker	1
"	Tailor... ..	12
"	Shoemaker	6
"	Matmaker... ..	11
"	Painter	3
"	Engineer	3
"	House Attendant	4
"	Bath "	4
In the	Dining Hall	12
"	Storekeeper's Stores... ..	3
"	Wards (Cleaning)	76
Daily Number Employed		219
Female Patients.		
In	Laundry and Wash-house	66
"	Kitchen	16
"	Dining Hall... ..	14
"	Wards, &c. (Cleaning)	60
"	" (Needlework)	226
"	Vegetable Room... ..	2
Daily Number Employed		384
ATTENDANCE AT—		DAILY ATTENDANCE.
		M. F. TOTAL.
Sunday Divine Service {	In Dining Halls ...	280 482 762
	In Chapel	226 266 492
Week-day Morning Prayer		298 370 668
School		52 46 98
Weekly Ball		120 156 276
Other Entertainments		120 120 240
Walk about the Grounds		89 424 513
"	beyond "	120 148 268
"	on the Terraces	245 400 645
NIGHT REPORT.		
Number of Wet Cases		8 3 11
"	Dirty "	3 3 6
"	Noisy "	6 4 10
		AVERAGE DAILY NUMBER RESIDENT.
		365 513 878

TABLE XIV.
DIET SCALE.

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Bread is given practically *ad libitum*.

TABLE XIV.—Continued.

DINNER.

	Male Patients.	Female Patients.		Male Patients.	Female Patients.
Sunday ...	Meat and Suet Pudding, with Rice and Fruit in season.	Roast Meat, with Rice and Fruit in season.	Thursday ...	Roast Meat.	Plum Pudding & Sauce.
Monday ...	Pea Soup.	Boiled Meat & Vegetables; Peas Pudding or Rice.	Friday ...	Meat Pudding.	Pea Soup. Every other Friday, $\frac{3}{4}$ lb. of Fresh Fish.
Tuesday ...	Meat Pudding.	Meat Stew.	Saturday ...	Pea Soup. Every other Saturday, $\frac{3}{4}$ lb. of Fresh Fish.	Meat Pudding.
Wednesday ...	Plum Dumpling and Sauce.	Meat Stew.			
<p><i>Bread, Beer, and Vegetables Daily.</i> <i>When Rice and Fruit Pudding is given on Sunday, 4oz. less Suet Pudding to Males, and 1oz. less Meat to Females.</i></p>					

Extra Diet for Sick.—Minced Meat, Steak, Mutton Chop, Fowl, Fish, Eggs, Mutton Broth, Beef Tea, Essence of Beef, Milk, Arrowroot, Rice Pudding, Batter Pudding, Sago, Barley Water, Gruel, Oranges, Biscuits, Calf's Foot Jelly, Porter, Bitter Ale, Port Wine, Sherry, Brandy, Gin, Whisky, Rum, Lemonade, Soda Water.

Extra Diet for Working Patients.— $\frac{1}{2}$ Pint Beer, 2oz. Bread, 1oz. Cheese at 11 A.M., and $\frac{1}{2}$ Pint Beer at 4 P.M.; the Laundry Patients 4oz. Bread with Butter, and $\frac{1}{2}$ Pint Tea. Tobacco and Snuff given as indulgences.

Attendants' and Servants' Diet.—Men, 1lb. Uncooked Meat; Women, $\frac{3}{4}$ lb. ditto; 1lb. Vegetables, 1lb. Bread, 2 Pints Beer daily. 2oz. Tea, $\frac{3}{4}$ lb. Sugar, $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. Coffee, $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. Butter, 1lb. Cheese weekly. $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. of Meat may be exchanged for Pudding or Pie, at the discretion of the Housekeeper.

Cocoa for One Hundred Patients.— $3\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. Cocoa, $4\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. Sugar, 3 Gallons Milk, or more, if the Dairy yields it.

Coffee Ditto $1\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. Coffee, $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. Chicory, $3\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. Sugar, 2 Gallons Milk.

Tea Ditto 1lb. Tea, 4lbs. Sugar, and 2 Gallons Milk.

Pea Soup Ditto {The Liquor of the Cooked Meat, Bones, &c.; 18lbs. Split Peas; Turnips, Cabbage, Parsnip, Leeks, Onions, Artichokes, or other Vegetables, Herbs, Salt, and Pepper.

Meat Pie Ditto Dripping Crust; 31lbs. Flour; 51lbs. Potatoes; 13lbs. Meat.

Meat Pudding Ditto 25lbs. Meat; 25lbs. Flour. (Boiled or Baked.)

Meat Stew Ditto 25lbs. Meat in a Stew, with Potatoes and other Vegetables mixed with Rice.

Plum Pudding, 100lbs. weight.—Flour, 46 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs.; Suet, 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs.; Raisins, 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs.; Currants, 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs.

(Signed) C. E. SAUNDERS, M.D.,
 Medical Superintendent.

HAYWARDS HEATH, September 30th, 1898.

RAINFALL IN 1898.

Rain Gauge. { *Diameter of Funnel, 5in.*
 { *Height of Top* { *Above Ground, 1ft. 1in.*
 { *Above Sea Level, 281ft.*

MONTH.	Total Depth.	Greatest fall in 24 Hours.		Number of Days on which .01 or more fell.
		Inches.	Depth.	
JANUARY .....	.80	.35	4	5
FEBRUARY	1.21	.22	18	12
MARCH .....	.76	.27	26	5
APRIL .....	.89	.17	26	8
MAY	3.05	.65	15	18
JUNE .....	.55	.24	2	6
JULY	1.45	.92	2	6
AUGUST	1.02	.70	7	6
SEPTEMBER .....	.67	.38	29	5
OCTOBER	3.81	1.42	29	12
NOVEMBER	3.31	1.19	23	10
DECEMBER	2.72	.76	27	13
<i>Total</i>	20.24	...	...	106

REPORT OF COMMISSIONERS IN LUNACY.

EAST SUSSEX AND BRIGHTON LUNATIC ASYLUM.

HAYWARDS HEATH,

April 14th, 1898.

WE yesterday commenced and to-day have concluded our inspection of this Asylum. The following changes have taken place since the last visit :—

	M.	F.		Total.
Admitted	70	56	...	126
Discharged	47	36	...	83
„ of whom recovered	9	13	...	22
Died	19	26	...	45

There are this day on the books of the Asylum 357 men and 498 women, total 855: of whom two of each sex are private patients, and a women who is so entered being a criminal patient. Four men and 19 women are chargeable to the Borough of Hastings, but 20 men and 19 women are boarded out at the Exeter Asylum; 14 men and 10 women at the West Sussex Asylum, and six males and one female with Asylum Attendants. There are now vacancies for 23 men and 42 women. The percentage of recoveries on admission in 1897 was 27.8, and deaths, on the average number resident, was

11.47. Nothing in the causes of the 45 deaths calls for notice, and the Coroner held no inquest, but we much regret to find that *post-mortem* examination was made in the low number of 13 cases, barely 29 per cent. On two of the bodies bedsores were exhibited, five men and 21 women were seen by us in bed, but amongst these there were no bedsores. No zymotic or infectious disease has appeared in the Asylum since the last visit. Five men and a women have met with serious casualties, all accidentally caused and none fatal. One matter that strikes us is the very large number of patients who are considered actively suicidal, *i.e.*, those patients for whom special instructions are given that they are to be kept under constant supervision, never lost sight of, and accompanied to the w.c. They are 24 men and 45 women, nearly 12.5 per cent. In No. 1 Ward, female side, there are 60 patients, six attendants, and 17 considered actively suicidal. In No. 5, on the same side, there are 34 patients, with four nurses; of these patients 21 are in bed, five suffer from epilepsy and seven are considered to be actively suicidal, whilst in No. 1, in the Male Division, there are 64 patients, with seven attendants, and 16 actively suicidal patients. If all the staff were always on duty in these Wards we feel the task of complying with the instructions for the suicidal patients to the letter would be impossible, and we need not point out what the state must be when the attendants are absent at meals, and on leave. There has been no record of the use of restraint or seclusion. There are several idiot children, for whom we still hope provision may hereafter be made in one of the Asylums in this County. Dr. Saunders does his best by boarding out as many as possible of these children, but there still

remain those who cannot be boarded out, and yet ought not to be in association with adult lunatics. We do not mean building blocks for idiot children, where but little training can be given at a large cost, but we mean Wards where children can be kept clean, have their habits improved, and be removed from evil influences. The Wards and Dormitories were clean and in proper order, though on the male side some of the walls are in great need of painting and whitewashing. The bedding was in good order in most places, but in one dormitory on the male side greater cleanliness is to be looked for, and in one on the female side the beds should be more carefully made. The woodwork at a few of the baths needs renewal. The behaviour of the patients was quiet and very orderly. A good supply of books and papers were to be seen in every Ward, and we are therefore surprised to find only 27 per cent. of the patients are present at the associated entertainments. The dress of the patients was neat. No one made any complaint calling for notice. The dinner, on both sides, yesterday, was liked, and the patients were very well behaved at the meal. The fire appliances here are sufficient to extinguish a fire at its inception, but not to put out a fire which had made any headway. The alternative exits seem to us to be sufficient, and nearly all the single room doors can be opened by the handle from the outside. One patient is absent on leave, but all the rest were seen by us, and had opportunity afforded them of speaking with us. Many spoke gratefully of the kindnesses they received here. The proportion of attendants to patients hardly varies from the last report, but 16 per cent. of the men and 35 per cent. of the women have been here under

one year, whilst 38.5 of the men and 10.5 of the women have lived here for several years. There are 117 patients afflicted with epilepsy, and 51 with general paralysis. About 55 per cent. of the patients attended Church last Sunday, but a much larger proportion are present at prayers in the Dining Halls. We learn that few patients, except the invalids, are entirely confined to the Airing Courts: 53 per cent. of the men and over 72 per cent. of the women are usefully employed, and we may say that the work is exceedingly well done by the Ward cleaners. No change amongst the superior Officials has been made since last visit. The Case Book Notes are fully and carefully made.

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